Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application; please amend the claims as follows:

(Currently Amended) A composition comprising:

10 to 99.9 wt.% of at least one non-crosslinkable organic medium (A) based on the total amount of the composition, said non-crosslinkable organic medium (A) having which has a viscosity of less than 30,000 mPas at a temperature of 120 °C; and

0.1 to 90 wt.% of at least one microgel (B) based on the total amount of the composition, said at least one microgel (B) comprising a plurality of individual primary particles, wherein the plurality of individual primary particles of the microgel (B) have an average particle diameter of less than 99 nm and wherein a deviation between the diameters of the individual primary particles is less than 250 %, where said deviation is defined as being equal to formula (I)

$[(d1-d2)/d2] \times 100$ (I),

where d1 and d2 are each a diameter of the individual primary particles measured and where d1 is greater than d2.

- (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the noncrosslinkable organic medium (A) has a viscosity of less than 1,000 mPas at a temperature of 120 °C.
- (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the noncrosslinkable organic medium (A) has a viscosity of less than 200 mPas at a temperature of 120 °C.

- (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the <u>plurality of individual primary particles of the microgel</u> (B) have an approximately spherical geometry.
- 5. (Cancelled)
- 6. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim 1 [[5]], wherein said deviation is less than 50 %.
- 7-8. (Cancelled)
- (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the at least one microgel (B) has a content which is insoluble in toluene at 23 °C of at least about 70 wt.%.
- (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the at least one microgel (B) has a swelling index in toluene at 23 °C of less than about 80.
- 11. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the at least one microgel (B) has a glass transition temperature of -100 °C to +120 °C.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the at least one microgel (B) is a crosslinked microgel which is not crosslinked by high-energy radiation.
- 13. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the at least one microgel (B) has a glass transition range of greater than about 5 °C.
- 14. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the at least one microgel (B) is obtained by emulsion polymerization.

- 15. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the at least one microgel (B) is based on rubber.
- 16. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the at least one microgel (B) is based on homopolymers or random copolymers.
- (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the at least one microgel (B) is modified by functional groups which are reactive towards carboncarbon double bonds (C=C).
- 18. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the <u>at least one</u> non-crosslinkable <u>organic</u> medium (A) is at least one compound selected from the group consisting of solvents, saturated or aromatic hydrocarbons, polyether oils, naturally occurring and synthetic ester oils, polyether-ester oils, phosphoric acid esters, silicon-containing oils, halohydrocarbons, and liquid renewable raw materials.

19-20. (Cancelled)

- 21. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 1, further comprising: a filler and/or an additive.
- 22. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 1, prepared by mixing the non-crosslinkable medium (A) and the at least one microgel (B) via a homogenizer, a bead mill (stirred ball mill), a triple-roll mill, a single- or multiple-screw extruder, a kneader, an Ultra-Turrax apparatus and/or a dissolver.
- 23. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 1, prepared by mixing the non-crosslinkable medium (A) and the at least one microgel (B) via a homogenizer, a bead mill (stirred ball mill), a triple-roll mill or a dissolver.

- 24. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 1, having a viscosity of 2 mPas up to 50,000,000 mPas at a speed of 5 s⁻¹, as determined with a cone-plate measuring system in accordance with DIN 53018 at 20 °C.
- 25. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the at least one microgel (B) has a swelling index in toluene at 23 °C of 1 to 15.
- 26. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the at least one microgel (B) has a content which is insoluble in toluene at 23 °C of at least 95 wt %
- 27. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the at least one microgel (B) is not modified with hydroxyl groups.
- 28. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the at least one microgel (B) is not modified.
- (Previously Presented) A process comprising: incorporating the composition according to claim 1 into a thermoplastic, a rubber, a thermoplastic elastomer, or mixture thereof.
- 30. (Previously Presented) A process for the preparation of a microgel-containing polymer, comprising: incorporating the composition according to claim 1 into a polymer.
- 31. (Previously Presented) A process for the preparation of a microgel-containing rubber, comprising: incorporating the composition according to claim 1 into a rubber.
- 32. (Previously Presented) A process for the preparation of a microgel-containing thermoplastic elastomer, comprising: incorporating the composition according to claim 1 into a thermoplastic elastomer.

- 33. (Previously Presented) A process for the preparation of a lubricant, a shaped article or a coating, comprising: incorporating the composition according to claim 1 into the lubricant, the shaped article, or the coating.
- 34. (Previously Presented) A process for the preparation of a lubricating grease or a modified lubricating oil, comprising: incorporating the composition according to claim 1 into the lubricating grease or the modified lubricating oil.
- 35. (Previously Presented) A process comprising: adding the composition according to claim 1 to a plastic, a rubber, a coating composition, or a lubricant.
- 36. (Previously Presented) A process for the preparation of a rheological additive-containing composition, comprising: incorporating the at least one microgel (B) according to claim 1 into a non-crosslinkable organic media which has a viscosity of less than 30.000 mPas at a temperature of 120 °C.
- 37. (Previously Presented) A composition, comprising: the composition according to claim 1; and a plastic, a rubber, a thermoplastic elastomer, a coating composition, a lubricant, or a mixture thereof.
- 38. (Previously Presented) A process for the preparation of the composition according to claim 1, comprising: admixing the at least one non-crosslinkable organic medium (A) and the at least one microgel (B) via a homogenizer, a bead mill, a triple-roll mill, a single- or multiple-screw extruder, a kneader and/or a dissolver.
- 39. (Previously Presented) A process for the preparation of the composition according to claim 1, comprising: admixing the at least one non-crosslinkable organic medium (A) and the at least one microgel (B) via a homogenizer, a bead mill, a triple-roll mill and/or a dissolver

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40. (NEW) A composition comprising:

10 to 99.9 wt.% of at least one non-crosslinkable organic medium (A) based on the total amount of the composition, said non-crosslinkable organic medium (A) having a viscosity of less than 30,000 mPas at a temperature of 120 °C; and

0.1 to 90 wt.% of at least one microgel (B) based on the total amount of the composition, said at least one microgel (B) comprising a plurality of individual primary particles, wherein the plurality of individual primary particles have an average particle diameter of less than 99 nm,

wherein the at least one non-crosslinkable organic medium (A) is selected from the group consisting of:

hydrocarbons, polyether oils, ester oils, phosphoric acid esters, siliconcontaining oils, and mixtures thereof,

wherein said hydrocarbons are selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₂₀₀, natural, synthetic, non-substituted, substituted, straight-chain, branched, cyclic, saturated, unsaturated, aromatic, and mixtures thereof and wherein the substituted hydrocarbons is by a substituent selected from the group consisting of chlorine, hydroxyl, oxo, amino, carboxyl, carbonyl, aceto and amido.

41. (NEW) A composition comprising:

10 to 99.9 wt.% of a non-crosslinkable organic medium (A) based on the total amount of the composition, said non-crosslinkable organic medium (A) having a viscosity of less than 30,000 mPas at a temperature of 120 °C; and

0.1 to 90 wt.% of at least one microgel (B) based on the total amount of the composition, said at least one microgel (B) comprising a plurality of individual primary

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particles, wherein the plurality of individual primary particles have an average particle diameter of less than 99 nm; and

wherein the composition is in the form of a dispersion of the at least one microgel (B) in the non-crosslinkable organic medium (A) and wherein said dispersion comprises a division of individual primary particles.